

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed), first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **FISH JAW GRIPPER TO FACILITATE HOOK REMOVAL**, the specification of which:

[XX] is attached thereto.

[ ] as was filed on \_\_\_\_\_; [ ] Appl. Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_, as was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

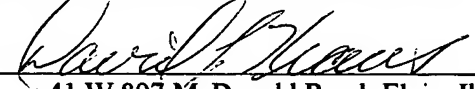
I claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 120 of any U.S. application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior U.S. application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined by 27 C.F. R. 1.56(a) which occurred before the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the application:

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I appoint as my attorney to prosecute this application and transact all related business in the Patent Office: John L. Schmitt, Reg. No. 28,111; Address all telephone calls to John L. Schmitt, Tel. No. (1-630) 232-1244; Address all correspondence to John L. Schmitt, P.O. Box 656. Geneva, IL 60134-0656.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. 1001; and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issued.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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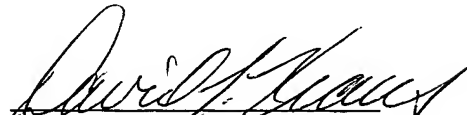
INVENTION : FISH JAW GRIPPER TO FACILITATE HOOK REMOVAL

**DECLARATION OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY**

**DAVID J. KRAUS** states that he is the inventor of the above identified invention and asserts small entity status having not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed this invention nor being under obligation, under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person, concern or organization which would not qualify for small entity status as a person, small business concern, or nonprofit organization.

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